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Plague in Johannesburg.

The following is received through Consul Proffit at Pretoria, under date of May 6, 1904:

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE,
Johannesburg, May 5, 1904.

HON. JOSEPH E. PROFFIT,
U. S. Consul, Pretoria.

SIR: I am directed by His Excellency Lord Milner to express his regret that, through an oversight, no official notification was made to your Government through you of the outbreak of plague in Johannesburg. Such notification is, as you are doubtless aware, enjoined by article 6 of the Venice International Sanitary Convention of March 19, 1897, which was ratified by your Government.

I am to express the hope that you will excuse the delay and take this letter as a fulfillment of the formal obligations of the convention.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

G. GEOFFERY ROBINSON,
Private Secretary.

Report from Lourenço Marquez—Danger of importation of plague from Johannesburg.

Consul Hollis reports, May 2, as follows:

A number of destitute and half-starved people are constantly arriving here from Johannesburg.

These people travel partly on foot and partly in empty freight cars. As they do not arrive by passenger trains they are not observed by the railway quarantine officials, and no precautions are taken to prevent such people from bringing the germs of the plague here.

These men generally come here with the intention of working their passages by vessel from this port to some other part of the world.

ARABIA.

Report from Aden—History of plague outbreak.—Consul Masterson reports, May 18, as follows:

On May 9, two suspicious cases of fever were noticed among employees in the shop of Cowasjee Dinshaw & Bros. at Steamer Point. The port surgeon, Lieutenant-Colonel Monks, was immediately notified. He ordered the men placed on Quarantine Island and every precaution was taken to prevent the spread of the disease. As a further precaution, the port surgeon issued the following notice (No. 1) to all shipping firms and consuls:

(No. 1).

NOTICE.

As suspected cases of plague are at present in this settlement and as bill of health must be annotated accordingly, I would advise all homeward-bound ships not to communicate with this port for the present if they can avoid doing so.

To obtain a certificate of noncommunication a ship must coal and work strictly in quarantine; that is, no boarding clerks, no coolies, and in fact no person of any sort